

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1-10 to improve clarity.

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner is requested acknowledge the claim for foreign priority or receipt of the certified copy of the priority document (EP 00440198.0) from the International Bureau in the next action.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Urs et al. (USP 6,292,781; hereafter “Urs”). Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed inventions would not have been anticipated by or rendered obvious in view of the cited references.

Claim 1 recites in part a switch which “comprises a detector for detecting speech-recognition and non-speech recognition related parts in said control signals and said response signals, and a processor for, in response to a detection of said speech-recognition or non-speech recognition related parts, processing said control signals and said response signals.” Independent claims 5, 8 and 10 recite similar limitations.

Urs discloses a method and apparatus for facilitating distributed speech processing in a wireless communication system. A communication unit (102) requests communication services from a communication infrastructure (101) that support both voice and data communication and utilizes a data connection to a distributed speech processing unit (116) to perform distributed voice recognition and distributed speech synthesis. Although Urs discloses transmitting, from a

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communication unit (terminal) to a distributed speech processing unit of the communication infrastructure, speech processing data extracted from a voice signal, nowhere does the cited reference teach or suggest detecting speech-recognition and non-speech recognition related parts of response signals sent from a memory of an I-net (Intranet or Internet) to a terminal. That is, Urs does not teach or suggest detecting or processing speech-recognition and non-speech recognition related parts of signals which are sent from an I-net in response to control signals originating from the terminal.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 should be allowable because the cited reference does not teach or suggest all of the features of the claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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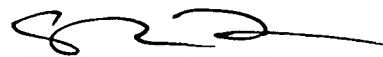
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